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Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43*

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43*, the General Assembly would:

(a) Welcome the convening, in Geneva, on 10 December 2001 of the Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, in accordance with article 13 thereof, and call upon all States parties to Amended Protocol II to address at that meeting, inter alia, the issue of holding the fourth annual conference in 2002;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention and for the Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, as well as for any possible continuation of work after the Second Review Conference and the Third Annual Conference, should the States parties deem it appropriate;

(c) Also request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depository of the Convention and the Protocols annexed thereto, to continue to inform the General Assembly periodically of ratifications and acceptances of and accession to the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

2. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 of the draft resolution are related to programme 26, Disarmament, and 27, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001,[1] as revised, and section 4, Disarmament, and

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section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.[2]

3. No provision has been made under section 4, Disarmament, or section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to cover the costs related to the activities required by operative paragraphs 3 and 6 of the draft resolution. The costs related to activities associated with such meetings shall be met in accordance with the arrangements made by the States parties and no additional cost shall be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no modifications would be required in the programme of work of section 4, Disarmament, as the activities that would be undertaken under the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction, of the section.

5. Estimates for the Second Review Conference were approved by the States parties at the first Preparatory Committee meeting, on 14 December 2000. With respect to the Third Annual Conference, it is estimated that related conference-servicing costs would amount to $172,400.

6. Activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when sufficient funding is received, in advance, from the States parties. Furthermore, in accordance with established procedures, the United Nations would levy a charge at a rate of 13 per cent of expenditure for such activities to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in their implementation. For the Third Annual Conference, such expenses, estimated at $22,400, would also be borne by the States parties.

7. Furthermore, in accordance with established policies and procedures in the United Nations, a provision of $29,200, corresponding to 15 per cent of the estimated costs of the meeting (inclusive of programme support costs), would have to be made for a contingency reserve to cover eventual shortfalls and final expenditures.

8. A summary of the estimated cost of the Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, which would be held in Geneva on 10 December 2001, are as follows:

Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II

(United States dollars)[a]

(a) Conference-servicing costs	
Meeting servicing	8 700
Pre-session documentation	23 400
In-session documentation	55 400
Post-session documentation	55 400
Summary records	26 400
General service requirements	900

	Other conference services	2 200
	Subtotal (a)	**172 400**
(b)	Non-conference servicing costs	
	Temporary assistance at the General Service (Other) level	-
	Subtotal (b)	**-**
	Total ((a) + (b))	**172 400**
(c)	Programme support costs (13 per cent)	22 400
	Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	**194 800**
(d)	Reserve for contingency (15 per cent)	29 200
	Grand total	**224 000**

[a] All figures are rounded to the nearest $100.

9. The costing provided herein is for indicative purposes only. The States parties to the Convention and to Amended Protocol II would have to bear, in full, the actual costs of holding the Third Annual Conference as well as the Second Review Conference.

10. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43*, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/53/6/Rev.1).

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/54/6/Rev.1 and Add.1-2).